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1. The barracks installation on the northwest side of Berliner Strasse in Prenzlau (N 54/Q 14) was occupied by a tank unit. Soldiers seen there wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Tanks of JS-2 type were in several of the garages. The first eight garages were believed to shelter about 40 tanks. Four garages could not be seen but were believed to have a capacity of 20 tanks. Two vehicles in one garage apparently were scout cars. About 40 trucks were seen in open garages in the southwestern barracks area. Three JS-2 type tanks were seen near the installation; and Two American-type scout cars and manned by from four to six men wearing red-bordered black epaulets; one small armored scout car and another were seen leaving the installation. They were followed by two motorcyclists who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The two armored scout cars were not those that were seen in the garage.

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2. The barracks installation on the southeastern side of Berlinerstrasse was occupied by a motorized rifle unit. Most soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia, and, in a few cases, tank, signal and motor transport insignia. Most of the troops were seen engaged in infantry training. Some of the soldiers who wore artillery insignia were seen training with 20 AT guns of 76.2 mm (AT gun model 1942 ZIS-3). A tank of T-43-type and truck were seen in the barracks yard. Motor vehicles seen near the installation

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4. At least 2,000 troops were training at the drill grounds southwest, south and east of the two barracks. They were engaged primarily in infantry group training. Groups of from six to eight men were also seen training at eight AT guns of 76.2 mm. There was also training with 80 mm mortars. Sedan [] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia, occupied by a tank lieutenant colonel and a lieutenant colonel who wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia, was seen en route to the barracks. **

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** Field Comment. All motor vehicles observed belong [] assigned to the 25th Tank Div. The number of tanks, computed on the basis of information supplied in December 1950 [] as well as the above observations, make it seem possible that, in addition to the 111th Tank Regt, which is believed to be stationed in Prenzlau, the 175th Tank Regt may also be located there.

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